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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A skin care composition comprising:
 - a) from about 0.1% to about 1% of a carboxylic acid/carboxylate copolymer;
 - b) from about 0.5% to about 10% of a tacky skin treatment agent selected from the group consisting of niacinamide, nicotinic acid and its esters, nicotiny alcohol, n-acetyl cysteine, n-acetyl-L-serine, phosphodiesterase inhibitors, trimethylglycine, tocopheryl nicotinate, vitamin D3 and its analogues or derivatives, and mixtures thereof;
 - c) from about 2% to about 20% of a water soluble humectant;
 - d) from about 0.5% to about 5% of an emollient a hydrocarbon oil having a viscosity of less than about 50mPa·s;
 - e) from about 0.05% to about 5% of a silicone component; and
 - f) an aqueous carrier.
2. (Original) The skin care composition according to Claim 1 wherein the composition has a viscosity of from about 100mPa·s to about 4000mPa·s.
3. (Currently Amended) The skin care composition according to Claim 1 wherein the tacky skin treatment agent is ~~comprised at a level of at least 1% and is selected from the group consisting of panthenol, niacinamide, and mixtures thereof.~~
4. (Currently Amended) ~~The skin care composition according to Claim 1 wherein the emollient oil is selected from hydrocarbons.~~ The skin care composition according to Claim 3, wherein the niacinamide comprises at least 1% by weight of the composition.
5. (Original) The skin care composition according to Claim 1 wherein the silicone component is a mixture of high viscosity silicone compounds and silicone based carriers.

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6. (Original) The skin care composition according to Claim 5 wherein the high viscosity silicone compound is dimethiconol.
7. (Original) The skin care composition according to Claim 1 further comprising an additional viscosity modifier.
8. (Original) A method of improving skin texture comprising the step of applying the composition of Claim 3 to the skin.
9. (Currently Amended) ~~A method of preparing the composition of Claim 1 comprising the steps of:~~
 - ~~(a) adding the carboxylic acid/carboxylate copolymer into at least a portion of water and mixing until homogeneous;~~
 - ~~(b) adding the silicone component and the emollient oil to the product of step (a) and mixing until homogeneous; and~~
 - ~~(c) adding the remainder of the composition to the product of step (b).~~

A skin care composition comprising:

 - a) from about 0.1% to about 1% of a carboxylic acid/carboxylate copolymer;
 - b) from about 0.5% to about 10% of niacinamide;
 - c) from about 2% to about 20% of a water soluble humectant;
 - d) from about 0.5% to about 5% of a hydrocarbon oil having a viscosity of less than about 50mPa·s;
 - e) from about 0.05% to about 5% of a silicone component; and
 - f) an aqueous carrier.
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